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NATIONALS DATED 31 MAY 1978

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION CINCPAC INFO CDR USARJ, CDR 5AF,
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CINCPAC FOR J12
SUBJ: GAO REPORT ON DOD PAY PRACTICES FOR JAPANESE NATIONALS DTD
31 MAY 1978 (U)
1. (C) IN RESPONSE TO CINCPAC 090224Z JUN 78 (U), USFJ CONCUR IN
THRUST OF GAO REPORT AND ITS CONCLUSIONS THAT THE USFJ JAPANESE
NATIONAL WORKFORCE IS PAID ABOVE PERVAILING RATES AND US OFFICIALS
SHOULD CONTINUE TO URGE THE GOJ TO ELIMINATE OR PAY THE EXCESS COSTS.
AS USFJ AND EMBASSY HAVE PURSUED THESE GOALS WITH SOME SUCCESS FOR
SEVERAL YEARS, AND PLAN TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE THEM, THE GAO REPORT
IS IN OUR VIEW AN ENDORSEMENT OF OUR CONTINUING EFFORT.
2. (C) AT THIS TIME IT APPEARS THE BEST COURSE IS TO CONTINUE TO
PURSUE LABOR COST SHARING WITHIN THE BROADER CONTEXT OF DEFENSE
COST SHARING, RECOGNIZING THE FINAL DEFENSE COST SHARING PACKAGE
WILL PROBABLY ALSO INCLUDE FACILITIES AND/OR OTHER NON-LABOR ITEMS
AND THAT THE US GOAL IS TO ACHIEVE THE LARGEST POSSIBLE PACKAGE.
IN THIS EFFORT THE GAO REPORT SHOULD PROVE USEFUL AND IS
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EXPECTED TO RECEIVE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN THE PRESS AND DIET.
FIRST PRESS REPORTS APPEARED 13 JUNE 78 WITHOUT EDITORIAL COMMENT.
3. (C) SOME OF THE GAO REPORT DATA IS INCONSISTENT WITH OUR DATA
AND HENCE CANNOT BE DEFENDED BY USFJ IF CHALLENGED, BUT THERE
APPEARS TO BE NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY PROVIDING GAO WITH
CORRECTIONS AT THIS POINT AS WE PRESENTED CORRECT DATA TO GAO
DURING THEIR VISIT TO JAPAN, DURING THEIR OUT BRIEFING, AND IN

SUBSEQUENT CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN HQ USFJ AND GAO.

4. (C) THE GAO REPORT ALSO RECOMMENDS SECDEF EXPLORE WAYS OF
HIRING MORE US PERSONNEL, SUCH AS INCREASING FLEXIBILITY OF
USING AMERICANS TO FILL VANCANT LOCAL NATIONAL POSITIONS. USFJ
VIEW IS SUCH FLEXIBILITY WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL JOBS FOR
DEPENDENTS AND REDUCE COSTS.

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